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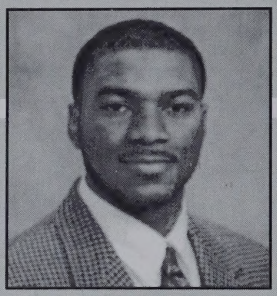

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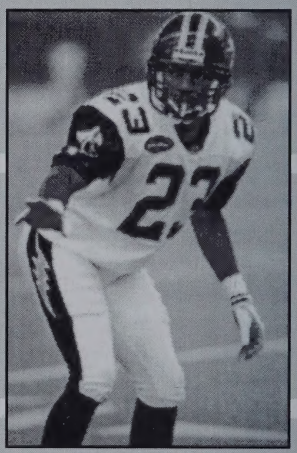

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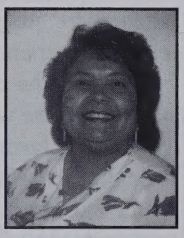

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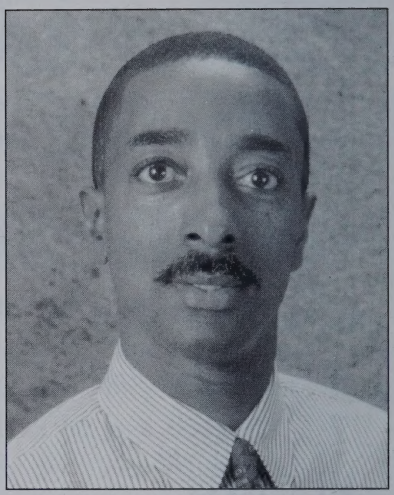


Maurice E. Singleton, Jr.

Does life imitate sports?

We've all heard the expression *Life imitates art.* We usually hear this when a creative work such as a novel, a movie, a poem or a song is played out in an unusual, real-life experience or when there are similarities between a real-life experience and a creative work. I wonder if the expression works if we substituted the word art with sports.

Fall is my favorite season of the year. It begins a ten-month long love affair that I have with sports. College and professional football, professional baseball's World Series, college football bowl games in December and early January, the NFL playoffs followed by the Super Bowl in late January, March Madness - college basketball's championship tournament - the National Basketball Association's playoffs and finals, followed by professional tennis' French Open and Wimbledon are all very exciting to me.

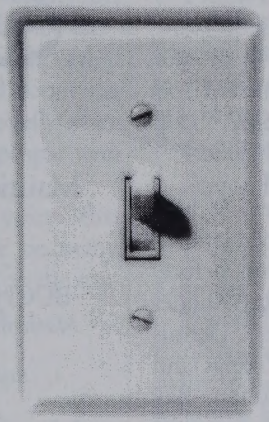
Basketball is by far the greatest sport I ever played, however, the sport I enjoy watching most is football. Athletes of varying sizes and abilities - tall, short, fat, muscular, quick, fast, slow, strong, big - Did I say huge? - all unite to form a team that works together toward achieving a common goal.

As a spectator, I pay close attention to impact players such as top running backs like Emmitt Smith and Barry Sanders, big-play wide receivers such as Michael Irvin and Mississippi native Jerry Rice, exceptionally talented cornerbacks like Deion Sanders who can play man-coverage and all the quarterbacks - especially the quarterbacks.

The quarterback is professional football's poster child. He is referred to as the "field general". He is usually the highest paid player on the team and earns much more money from endorsements and speaking engagements. He is a glamour boy, professional football's star.

The athletic profile as well as the image of the professional quarterback has changed in the past twenty years. In the nineties quarterbacks are tougher, faster, quicker, more durable, hence, more athletic than they were previously. They can run with the ball as well as pass it down field.

There are also more African American quarterbacks in the game than ever before. With little effort, I



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can name seven active African American quarterbacks, five starters and the other two are former starters. Much has changed since the seventies when it was common for a team to skip over a good quarterback in the draft simply because he was Black.

There are also more African American head coaches in the National Football League than ever before. Three. In fact, all three - Ray Rhodes of the Philadelphia Eagles, Dennis Green of the Minnesota Vikings and Tony Dungy of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers - spent some time as assistants to the premier teambuilder Bill Walsh when he was head coach of the San Francisco Forty-Niners. Dungy was also defensive coordinator with the Minnesota Vikings under Dennis Green before accepting the head coaching position at Tampa Bay.

Tony Dungy's story reads like a fairy-tale in progress. After years of coaching in the shadows, being looked over every time a head coaching position was filled, Dungy finally landed a head coaching position after two acclaimed coaches turned it down. At press time the new look, new attitude Tampa Bay Buccaneers were sporting a record of 5 wins and 0 losses and getting better every week. Now, I don't know; this might just be me; but it sounds like Cinderella is getting ready for the big bowl. I mean the big ball.

Life should imitate sports. Sports is a great example of how hard work and sacrifice can result in significant and fair reward. America's major corporations could learn something by observing successful sports programs. MS

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Singleton:

I recently received my September issue of *Mississippi Star.* What a treat.

As a native "Coast-ite" (Gulfport), it is always a delight to read about the goings-on down there; especially when I see names and faces of people with whom I grew up.

Congratulations on your first anniversary and may there be many, many more. You can count on the continuance of my subscription.

Sincerely,

T. Ray Lawrence, Baritone
Metropolitan Opera
New York City

Letters from high school students in the Minority Studies Class at St. Stanislaus College Prep in Bay St. Louis.

In reading excerpts from only three issues of the Mississippi Star, I would like to add to the many congratulations already received by this publication. This magazine is definitely a positive reflection of an African American community that has a negative image. It is great to hear about all the accomplishments and achievements of African Americans on the Coast. Hopefully one day I will be privileged enough to be featured in the Star. Again, I would like to express my congratulations for the success and the continued success of the Mississippi Star.

Jermaine Washington
Senior,
Pass Christian, MS

Maurice,

I really can't say too much about the Mississippi Star because I have only read three issues. They are excellent, but I would like to see more articles about African American youths.

Robert Fairchild
Senior, Houma, Louisiana

Dear Sir,

I would just like to tell you that I think Mississippi Star is great. It tells so many positive things about the surrounding black communities. I know that your magazine will be a great success in the years to come. I especially like how you cover so many topics in one issue. Good luck! I think your magazine has a great future.

Sincerely,

Charles Raymond
Sophomore, Pass Christian, MS

Dear Mr. Singleton,

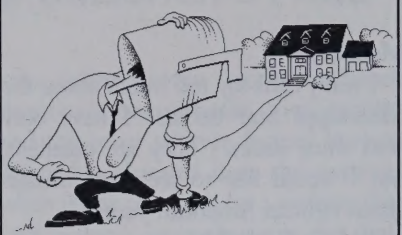
I have enjoyed reading Mississippi Star in Mr. Labat's class. I have especially enjoyed the articles about Tiger Woods, The Par Busters Golf Tournament, and the article about Mr. Labat and his two sons.

These articles have been very interesting and enjoyable to read. They help us take time out of class, but that does not always help because Mr. Labat makes us write summaries on the articles.

Good luck with the magazine!

Sincerely,

Ryan Rupp
Junior, Waveland, MS



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Mississippi Star reserves the right to refuse or decline to publish any submission.

Dear Mr. Singleton,

As a student at St. Stanislaus I have enjoyed your publication. We regularly read your magazine in the high school Minority Studies class. Mr. Labat gives us assignments from your magazine. I have really enjoyed Mississippi Star.

Jeremy Slimmer
Junior, New Orleans

Dear Mr. Singleton,

Congratulations on a successful year with the Mississippi Star. I think that your issues have been very inspirational to me, and hopefully to others who have read the Mississippi Star. Thank you for the inspiration.

Andrew H. Brown, Jr.
Senior, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Singleton,

My name is Ben Rosenbaum. I'm in Mr. Myron Labat's Minority Studies Class at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis. Part of our course is reading your magazine. I enjoy reading and while my normal magazine would be a Motor Trend or a magazine of this type, I will read Mississippi Star instead. Do you know why? Because I enjoy it. Some articles are slower than others, but that's okay. We are studying about slavery now in the class and I think you ought to write an article about slavery in the Mississippi/North Louisiana area. I think this would help attract more readers. Maybe even one article per every issue would be a good step. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ben Rosenbaum
Sophomore, Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Singleton,

We read the Mississippi Star in class. I very much enjoy it. I learn of the accomplishments of people I know as well as people I don't. Keep up the good work. Your magazine is very educational and interesting.

Sincerely,
Tomás Diaz
Senior,
San Salvador, El Salvador C.A.

I think the publisher is doing a fine job of displaying positive ideas and thoughts to the public. He brings out in the articles the importance of the family which is very true. Overall I believe it is a positive magazine because it accentuates the positive aspects of African American life on the Coast.

Blake Werner
Senior,
Picayune, MS

Dear Mr. Singleton,

Mississippi Star is a great informer of what is happening in Mississippi, especially in the African American community. I have enjoyed, extensively, every issue that I have read. The articles are well done as well as interesting.

There's much going on in Mississippi, concerning the African American community. The Mississippi Star does a great job of informing people of this, thanks to you Mr. Singleton.

Sincerely,
Bryce Labat
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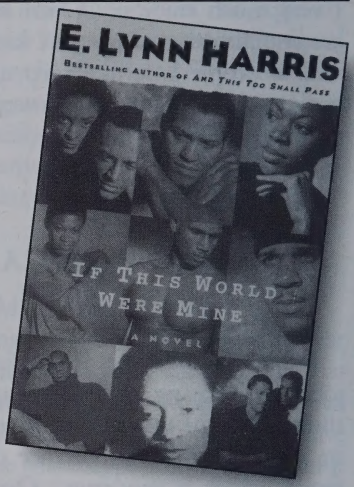
E. Lynn Harris, *Author*

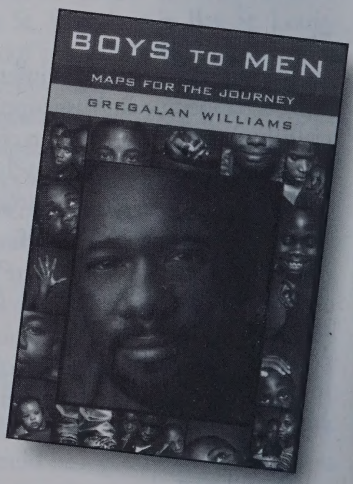


If This World Were Mine (Doubleday, hardback, $23.95) is a story about unconditional friendship. The author, E. Lynn Harris develops this theme through four principal, distinct characters who have all graduated from Hampton University and have matured in their respective careers and families over a period of about twenty years. They come together for journal club meetings, lunches, or sometimes just to get together.

An entertainment industry marketing executive, a computer engineer, a psychiatrist and a well-off housewife who is a wanabe singer but can't sing make up the four principal characters. Harris tells an incredible story as the worlds of the four characters come together. If This World Were Mine is Harris' fourth novel.

Boys to Men

Greg Alan Williams, *Author*



Boys To Men: Maps For The Journey (Doubleday, hardback $18.95) is resourceful reading for anyone. GregAlan Williams takes his readers on an autobiographical journey of his growth and development into manhood. Growing up without a supportive father, he realizes his roles as a father to his sons and to himself. He talks about the stumbling blocks in his life like experimenting with "weed" in college to the overuse of it in his mid-twenties which he refers to as "frequent flying."

Williams is also the author of A Gathering of Heroes, which is his first book. An Emmy Award-winning actor, Williams is best known for his role on the television series "Baywatch."

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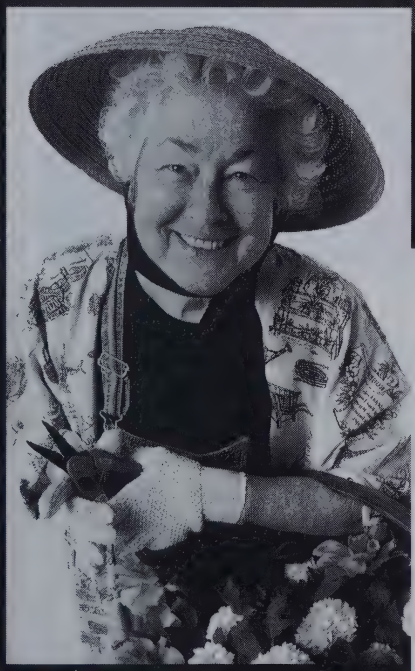

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Mary V. Clarke retired from a thirty-eight year nursing career twenty-one years ago. However, at 83 she appears to be as active as any full-time career person.

Her involvements in the community include volunteering with the American Red Cross, AARP, reader at mass services, member of the Altar Society at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, the Hancock County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a committee member of the Youth Black History Month Oratorical Contest. She sings with the St. Rose de Lima Traditional Choir and with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program choral group.

Recently, she began volunteering at the Save Our Children Center in Bay St. Louis, an after-school program that provides students with homework assistance and lightly-structured, supervised activity. She also volunteered at the local high school as a proctor during ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) testing.

"I just like to help people," Clarke explained her motivation for many years of continuous service to the communities in which she has lived. "I enjoy working with people, and giving back

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something. My family and I have been so wonderfully blessed - in so many ways."

Clarke explained that she has always tried to live by a phrase that her mother shared with her as a child: "If a task is once begun, never leave it 'til it's done."

The former nurse educator and administrator was recently honored by the Gulfside Shalom Community Development Corporation for her many contributions to the community. The organization hosted a banquet in her honor, the evening program appropriately named, A Tribute to Mary Clarke.

Friends, co-workers, members of her church and choir, clergy and relatives showered Clarke with accolades, gifts and songs, and the Shalom organization presented a plaque to her in recognition of volunteer work, involvement in the community and for being such a good citizen and role model.

When Clarke is not volunteering, you might find her on the walking track in front of Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis, putting in two miles three times a week. "It's invigorating," she says of her exercise routine.

Clarke works out on walking track to keep fit for active schedule.

BACKGROUND

Clarke is a native of Lawrenceville, Virginia. She attended Freedmen's School of Nursing in Washington, D.C. and earned a bachelor of arts degree at West Virginia State College in social sciences. She taught social sciences at Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis for eight years. For twenty-five years she was supervisor of the neonatal unit at Homer G. Phillips Hospital.

She has been married for fifty-four years to Thomas P. Clarke, a retired attorney and native of Bay St. Louis. They have three adult daughters and three grandchildren.

Her advice to young people: "Treat others as you would have them treat you." MS

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Bank Officer Discovers Career Advancement and Peace of Mind in Mississippi

Sybil F. Antoine spent many summers in Pass Christian growing up. She said that she considered the Coast a potential retirement location but never desired to make it her home. However, after six years here the Southern Californian says she "loves it here."

"Serenity and peace of mind," she said are the things she finds most attractive about living in South Mississippi when comparing the two places. "And for my grandkids the freedom to grow up in a less stressful environment," she added. "We don't have to worry about them going out to play, fearing that they might be shot."

Her job also plays an important part in the satisfaction she finds living here. She is the assistant cashier, bookkeeping manager and CRA officer for Coast Community Bank in Gulfport and Biloxi.

"Working at Coast Community Bank and working with the people here, you feel more of a family instead of just a working environment," said Antoine. "Many of these people I see more than I see my own family.

Sybil F. Antoine

"My career means a lot to me,"she explained. "I have had the opportunity to grow and learn all phases of banking. I have worked the teller line to mortgage loans."

"She can just about do any job in a bank," said Suzie Manuel, vice president of Coast Community Bank. "What she doesn't know how to do she figures it out. And customers love her."

"She has a real bubbly personality," said Kally Vlahos, marketing director of Coast Community Bank. "No mat-

ter how down you are she is going to put a smile on your face. She is very sensitive to people. I am currently working with her on a workshop that Coast Community Bank will be sponsoring entitled 'Affordable Housing: Yes it's in My Reach.' She is easy to work with, to brainstorm with and to come up with solutions."

Antoine started her banking career in the mid-seventies as a check filer for First Los Angeles Bank. She worked every desk in the bookkeeping department for no less than nine months to gain the skills necessary to go forth in a banking career. Coast Community Bank hired her because of mortgage loan experience which she gained during six years at Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in Los Angeles and Virginia and three and a half years at Jefferson Bank in Biloxi.

"I have had to assert myself in order to be given the opportunity to move to the next level. I think it's important to know that it wasn't owed to me. I had to prove myself each time," explained Antoine.

"I have proven to myself that I can achieve just about anything that I put my mind to," she said adorning a smile of confidence. "And I make a difference. People feel free to ask me questions regarding their finances, clearing their credit, obtaining loans, and if my bank can't help them, I try to point them in the direction of someone who can."

Sybil is married to Harold Antoine and they reside in Pass Christian. She has one son, Gerald Daniels, 25, and two grandchildren, ages 5 and 3.

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As Jimmie James, the Voice of the Sonic Boom and chairman of the

the Bomb!

music department, begins his introduction, the stadium becomes totally silent, for maybe seven or eight seconds. And then, all of a sudden, The Boom breaks out into the first step of the patented intro step which is called the "Tiger Run-On", and the fans roar with excitement.

The "Tiger Run-On" is a fast, eye-catching shuffle that blends an adagio step with an up-tempo shuffle, then back to adagio - a Sonic Boom trademark that brings fans to their feet.

The 200-member Jackson State University Sonic Boom of the South Marching Band is backed by a percussion section dubbed War "N" Thunder and led by the high-stepping Prancing J-Settes. Dr. Lewis Liddell is the band's director. Associate band director is Edward

Duplessis. Assistant band directors are Michael Magruder and William Beathea.

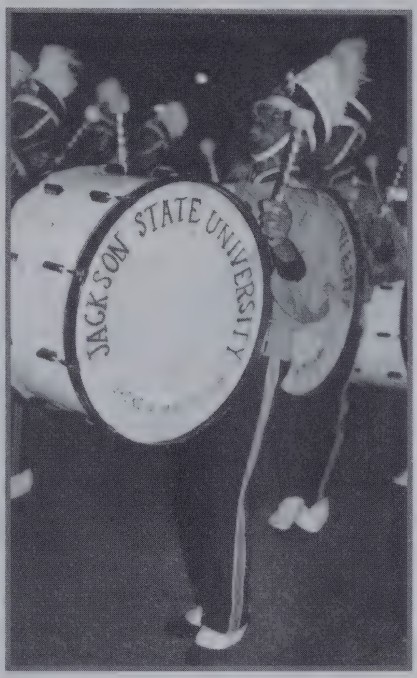
Appropriately dubbed a show band, the band was given its current name The Sonic Boom of the South by band students in 1971. In 1974, the band's theme, "Get Ready," an old Motown favorite was selected, and three years after that, the "Tiger Run-on" was perfected.

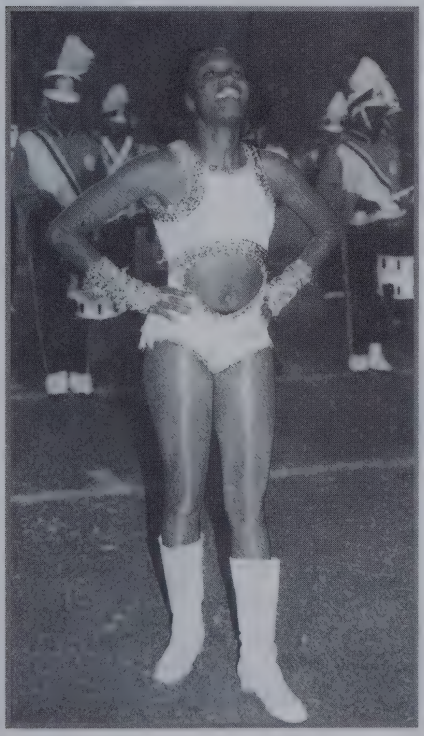
The band was first organized in the 1940s and consisted of college students and students from Lanier High School in Jackson. Through the years the JSU band has become known for intricate, precision marching and big band sound.

Band members come from high schools across the state and across the country. In addition to

Mississippi, band members hail from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

The "Sonic Boom is in demand for appearances which have included a World's Fair, halftime appearances for the Atlanta Falcons, Cincinnati Bengals, Detroit Lions, Houston Oilers, New Orleans Saints, New York Jets and Philadelphia Eagles, a television special for Motown's 30th Anniversary, and the NBA All-Star Weekend in 1991. The band is a favored entry in parades across





Mississippi and in other states.

The Boom is always at its best, but there's no greater time to watch the band's performance than when a S.W.A.C. opponent visits Jackson. The homecoming game against Grambling State on October 25 and the annual Capital City Classic with in-state and S.W.A.C. rival Alcorn State Braves stir a lot more excitement and fan feedback.

This season, you can catch The Boom at its first bowl game. The Sonic Boom will be the featured halftime entertainment at the 1998 Senior Bowl in Mobile on January 17. MS

OPINION POLL

How should the state allocate the $170 million awarded in the settlement with the tobacco companies?

MIKE MOORE
Attorney General
State of Mississippi

"First we should make sure every child in Mississippi has access to health insurance. Secondly, the money should be used to improve the public health of our state."

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"I suggest $80 million go to upgrade schools' technical equipment such as computers in grades 1-8. $20 million to farmers to encourage them to produce food locally, in Mississippi, and for exports, such as chicken, beef, fish and shrimp, as our state is ideally suited. $50 million to increase primary and secondary teacher salaries to be spread out over the next five years. $10 million to clean national sites at state parks and recreation centers. And lastly, $10 million for school food programs - breakfast and lunch - for indigent Mississippians."

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Mississippians in the National Football League

by Maurice E. Singleton, Jr.

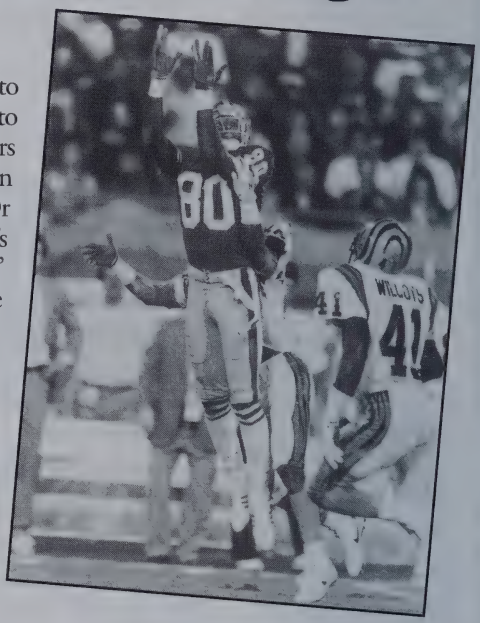
I must have asked fifty people to guess how many players with ties to Mississippi were listed on active rosters of NFL teams. The most common response was, "About ten or fifteen?" Or some would start naming names: "Let's see, there's Jerry Rice and Brett Favre..."

No one - myself included - came close to guessing the right number: Fifty! Fifty players and two assistant coaches - as far as we could tell from the team rosters and media guides - either grew up in Mississippi or played on one of the college teams in the state.

Eight colleges or universities in the state of Mississippi have alumni playing in the NFL. Alcorn State, Jackson State, Itawamba Junior College, Mississippi College, Mississippi State, Mississippi Valley State, the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi are all represented by at least one former player on an NFL roster.

Mississippi is very well represented in the National Football League. If my memory serves me correctly, there are thirty NFL teams, with approximately fifty players on each roster. Considering the fact that our state does not have an NFL franchise, Mississippi does an excellent job of developing NFL-caliber talent.

The Minnesota Vikings team leads the way with five Mississippians on their roster. The Miami Dolphins and Chicago Bears each list four Mississippians, followed by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Oilers, Oakland Raiders, Arizona Cardinals, New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Rams with three each.



Jerry Rice of the San Francisco Forty-Niners rises high above Cincinnati defender to make one of many great catches over thirteen-year career.

A special thanks to the National Football League and the public relations offices of the various NFL teams for providing biographical information on players and photographs.

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BALTIMORE RAVENS

Michael Jackson #81
Wide Receiver
6' 4", 195 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Southern Mississippi

Stevon Moore
Strong Safety
5' 11", 210 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Mississippi
Hometown: Wiggins, MS

BUFFALO BILLS

Eric Moulds
Wide receiver
6', 204 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Lucedale, MS

Perry Marlo
Linebacker
6' 4", 250 pounds
NFL Experience: 3rd year
Jackson State

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Ashley Ambrose
Cornerback
5' 10", 185 pounds
NFL Experience: 6th year
Mississippi Valley State
Hometown: New Orleans, LA

DENVER BRONCOS

Willie Green
Wide Receiver
6' 4", 188 pounds
NFL Experience
Mississippi
Hometown: Athens, GA

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Tony Bennett
Linebacker
6' 2", 250 pounds
NFL Experience: 8th year
Mississippi
Hometown: Clarksdale, MS

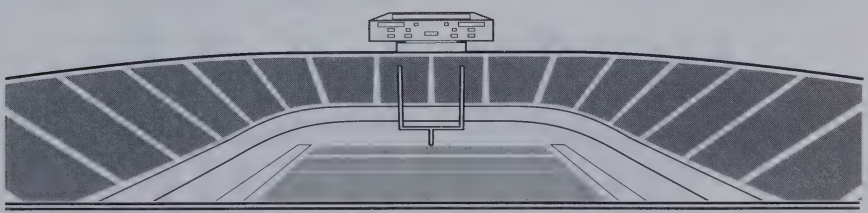
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Kelvin Pritchett
Defensive Tackle
6' 3", 300 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Mississippi
Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Jimmy Smith
Wide Receiver/Kick Returner
6' 1", 204 pounds
NFL Experience: 5th year
Jackson State
Hometown: Jackson, MS

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Joe Horn
Wide Receiver
6' 1", 199 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Itawamba Junior College
Fayetteville, NC



MIAMI DOLPHINS

Tim Bowens
Defensive Tackle
6' 4", 315 pounds
NFL Experience: 4th year
Mississippi
Hometown: Okolona, MS

Terrell Buckley
Cornerback
5' 9", 180 pounds
NFL Experience: 6th year
Florida State
Hometown: Pascagoula, MS

Dewayne Dotson
Linebacker
6' 1", 250 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi
Hometown: Hendersonville, TN

Brent Smith
Tackle
6' 5", 305 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Mississippi State

NEW YORK JETS

Terry Day
Defensive End
6' 4", 280 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Mississippi State
Hometown: Pickens, MS

Bobby Hamilton
Defensive End
6' 5", 280 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Southern Mississippi
Hometown: Columbia, MS

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Perry Carter
Cornerback
6', 190 pounds
NFL Experience: 3rd year
Southern Mississippi
Hometown: McComb, MS

Lester Holmes
Guard
6' 4", 315 pounds
NFL Experience: 4th year
Jackson State
Hometown: Tylertown, MS

Olanda Truitt
Wide Receiver
6', 190 pound
NFL Experience: 5th year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Birmingham, AL

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Kevin Henry
Defensive End
6' 4", 282 pounds
NFL Experience: 5th year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Mound Bayou, MS

Fred McAfee
Running Back
5' 10", 193 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Mississippi College
Hometown: Philadelphia, MS

Carlos Emmons
Linebacker
5' 10", 246 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Arkansas State
Hometown: Greenwood, MS

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Norman Hand
Defensive Tackle
6' 3", 313 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi
Hometown: Walterboro, SC

TENNESSEE OILERS

Melvin Hayes
Tackle
6' 6", 325 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi State

Steve McNair
Quarterback
6' 2", 224 pounds
NFL Experience: 3rd year
Alcorn State
Hometown: Mount Olive, MS

Bryant Mix
Defensive Tackle/Defensive End
6' 3", 301 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Alcorn State
Hometown: Water Valley, MS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Kevin Bouie
Runningback/Kick
Return Specialist
6' 1", 230 pounds
NFL Experience: 1st year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Pahokee, FL

Fred Brock
Wide Receiver
5' 11", 181 pounds
NFL Experience: 1st year
Southern Mississippi

Mark Smith
Defensive End
6' 4", 290 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Auburn
Hometown: Vicksburg, MS

ATLANTA FALCONS

Juran Bolden
Cornerback
6' 2", 201 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi Delta
Community College
Hometown: Tampa, FL

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Kris Mangum
Tight End
6' 4", 249 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Mississippi
Hometown: Magee, MS

Wesley Walls
Tight End
6' 5", 250 pounds
NFL Experience: 9th year
Mississippi
Hometown: Pontotoc, MS

CHICAGO BEARS

Walt Harris
Cornerback
6', 194 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi State
Hometown: LaGrange, GA

Michael Lowery
Linebacker
6'. 223 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi
Hometown: McComb, MS

CHICAGO BEARS *Continued...*

John Thierry
Defensive End
6' 4", 265 pounds
NFL Experience: 4th year
Alcorn State
Hometown: Opelousas, LA

John Mangum
Safety
5' 10:, 190 pounds
NFL Experience: 8th year
Alabama
Hometown: Magee, MS

DETROIT LIONS

Kez McCorvey
Wide Receiver
6', 190 pounds
NFL Experience: 1st year
Florida State
Hometown: Pascagoula, MS

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Brett Favre
Quarterback
6' 2", 225 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Southern Mississippi
Hometown: Kiln, MS

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

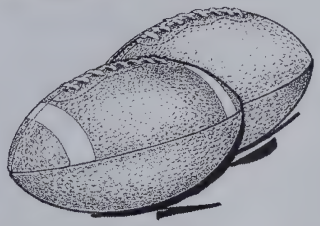
Orlando Bobo
Guard
6' 3", 304 pounds
NFL Experience: 1st year
Northeast Louisiana
Hometown: West Point, MS

Greg Briggs
Linebacker
6' 3", 220 pounds
NFL Experience: 3rd year
Texas Southern
Hometown: Meadville, MS

Everett Lindsay
Guard/Center
6' 4", 290 pounds
NFL Experience: 3rd year
Mississippi
Hometown: Raleigh, NC

Dwayne Rudd
Linebacker
6' 2", 241 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Alabama
Hometown: Batesville, MS

Fernando Smith
Defensive End
6' 6", 277 pounds
NFL Experience: 4th year
Jackson State
Hometown: Flint, MI



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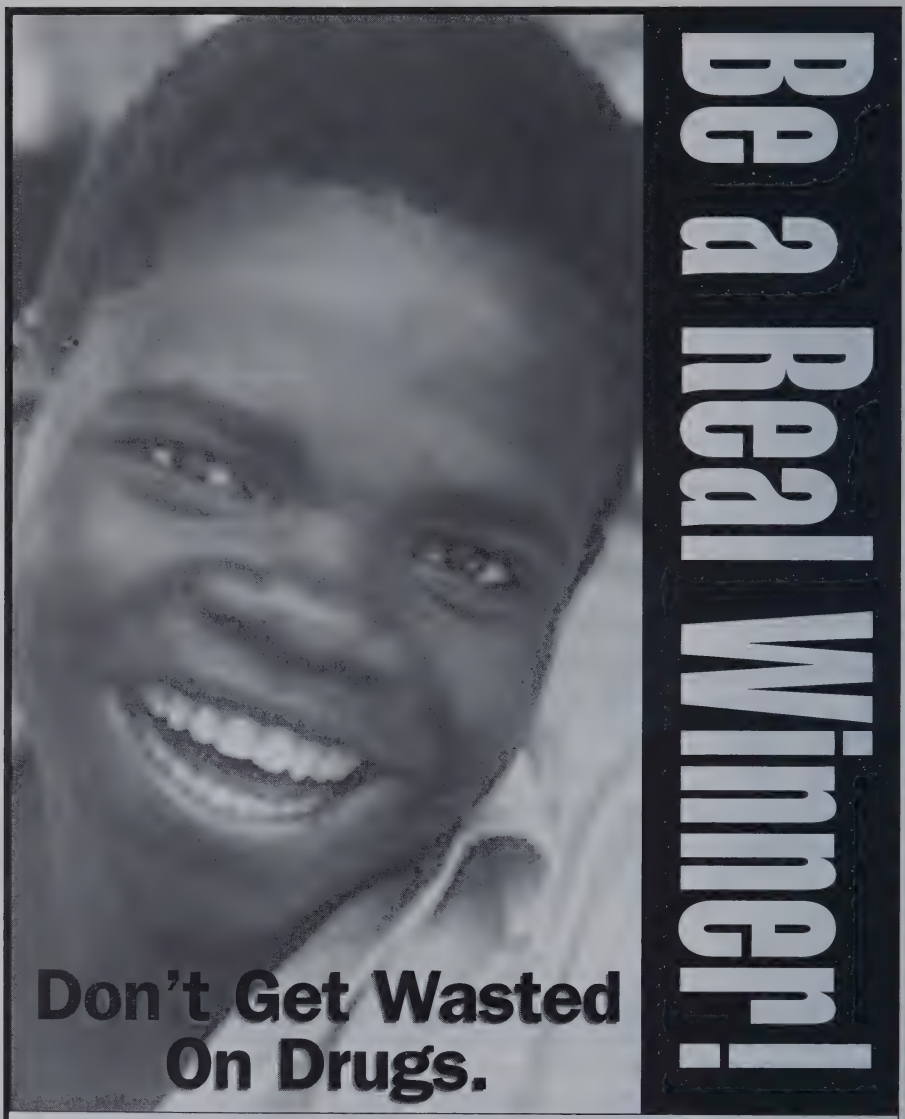

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Tulane
Hometown: Pascagoula, MS

Harold Jackson
Receivers Coach
NFL Experience: 24th year
Jackson State
Hometown: Hattiesburg, MS

Fred McCrary
Runningback
6', 219 pounds
NFL Experience: 2nd year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Naples, FL

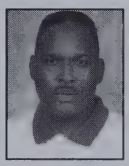
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Darion Conner
Linebacker
6' 2", 250 pounds
NFL Experience: 8th year
Jackson State

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Torrance Small
Wide Receiver
6' 3", 213 pounds
NFL Experience: 6th year
Alcorn State
Hometown: Tampa, FL

Dexter McCleon
Cornerback
5' 10", 200 pounds
NFL Experience: Rookie
Clemson
Hometown: Meridian, MS



Wilbert Montgomery
Running Backs Coach
NFL Experience: 10th year
(First with Rams)
Abilene Christian
Hometown: Greenville, MS

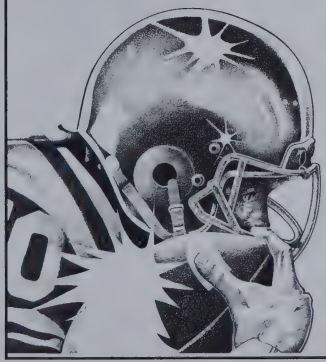
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS

Jerry Rice
Wide Receiver
6' 2", 200 pounds
NFL Experience: 13th year
Mississippi Valley State
Hometown: Crawford, MS

James Williams
Linebacker
6', 245 pounds
NFL Experience: 7th year
Mississippi State
Hometown: Natchez, MS

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

William Gaines
Defensive Tackle
6' 5", 318 pounds
NFL Experience: 4th year
Florida
Hometown: Jackson, MS



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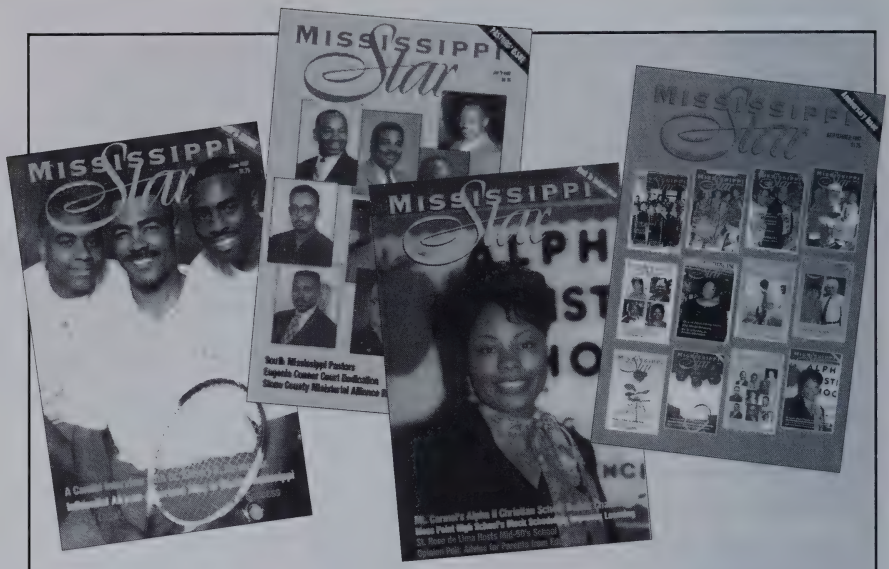

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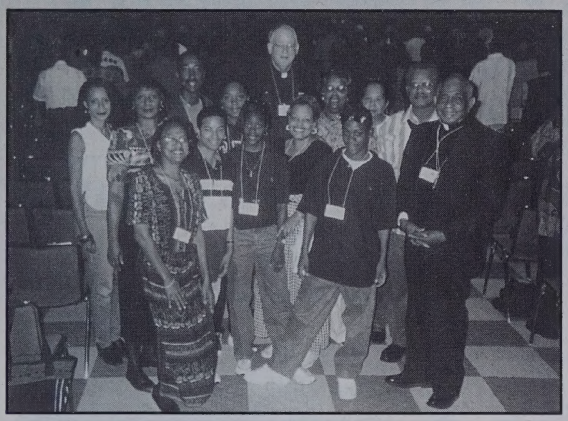

Members of Mississippi delegation pose on convention floor with Bishop Joseph Lawson Houze, D.D. (far right) at National Black Catholic Congress in Baltimore, Maryland in late August.

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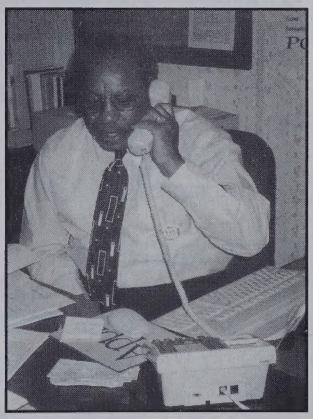
Dr. James H. Easton, superintendent of Moss Point Schools, sits in for his secretary, Sue Painter. While district administrators manned the telephones, the school district's clerical staff held a joint dutch-treat lunch hour the day before teachers returned to school in August. Painter planned the luncheon to build camaraderie. The Moss Point School District is committed to creating a positive, supportive culture in which every student and staff member feels empowered to succeed.



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Hancock County Branch NAACP
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7:00 p.m.

October 18
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Jackson State University
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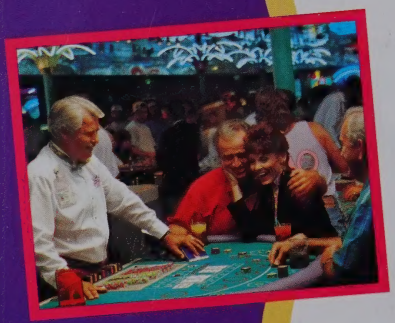

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